State Senator

## Dan Debicella



Dear Neighbor:

Downtown Shelton is experiencing a renaissance - new retail shops, office space, and residential living are being constructed over the course of the next several years. I have introduced legislation to help pay for the infrastructure around Canal Street to enable the building of new developments.

I have proposed a bill to grant \$2 million to Shelton for Phase 2 of downtown redevelopment. Phase 1 has focused on the building of the River Walk and converting old factories into residential condos such as the new Birmingham Condominiums. Phase 2 will focus on Canal Street, where over 80,000 square feet of commercial space, hundreds of new residential units and new parking facilities will be built. These improvements are expected to bring in over \$3 million a year in tax revenue to Shelton.

My legislation will give Shelton the money to pay for road improvements, environmental cleanup and other infrastructure necessary to lay the foundation for the redevelopment of Canal Street.

I am proud to be working with experienced leaders like Mayor Mark Lauretti and State Representative Dick Belden to revitalize our downtown. Their leadership continues to be an essential part of improving the quality of life in Shelton.

Economic growth is the key to downtown redevelopment - bringing new jobs and new attractions to an area now covered with old factories. The partnership between state government, city government and private industry will help the downtown area reach its full potential. I will continue to work for more state resources to build the infrastructure that will allow downtown Shelton to flourish.

Sincerely,

Dan Debicella State Senator